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| 1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR | s Brief must be filed within the p R 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal o | eriod set forth in of the appeal. | |
| 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered be | ecause: | | |
| (a) 🛛 they raise new issues that would require further | er consideration and/or search (| see NOTE below); | |
| (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note b | | ,, | |
| (c) they are not deemed to place the application in issues for appeal; and/or | n better form for appeal by mate | erially reducing or s | simplifying the |
| (d) they present additional claims without canceli | ng a corresponding number of t | finally rejected clair | ns. |
| NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. | | | |
| 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following reject | tion(s): | | |
| 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s). | be allowable if submitted in a se | eparate, timely filed | d amendment |
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| 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered bed raised by the Examiner in the final rejection. | ause it is not directed SOLELY | to issues which we | re newly |
| 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendmented explanation of how the new or amended claims we | | | and an |
| The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: | | | |
| Claim(s) allowed: | c | | |
| Claim(s) objected to: | | | |
| Claim(s) rejected: | | | |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: | | | |
| 8. The drawing correction filed on is a) appr | oved or b) disapproved by t | the Examiner. | |
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Continuation of 2: The proposed amendments requiring the additional steps of "associating data classifiers in a decision fusion application comprising said data sample", "assigning accuracy confidence values for each classifier in said decision fusion application based on said greatest value" and "improving a classification accuracy of said decision fusion application based on said accuracy confidence values", are considered to be new issues, not earlier presented, that would require additional search and/or consideration.